(b) by when approval to the said proposals will be accorded in order to intensify the drug de-addiction drive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposals recommended by the State Government are scrutinized by the Screening Committee consisting of experts in the field. Proposals recommended by the Screening Committee are thereafter further processed. The Screening Committee has recommended three proposals for Madhya Pradesh for sanction of grant during 2006-07.

Proposals under Integrated Education for Disabled Children Scheme

2225. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain proposals of NGOs forwarded by the Government of Gujarat under Integrated Education for Disabled Children Scheme are lying pending with the Central Government;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) the present status of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Proposals under the Scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children (IEDC) for the year 2006-07 involving 62 NGOs were received from the State Government of Gujarat in the Ministry of Human Resources Development. All these proposals have been processed and sanction has been accorded for financial assistance in respect of 55 NGOs. No NGO proposal from Gujarat for 2006-07 is pending at present.

Incentive for inter-caste marriages

2226. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the approach of Government in the matter of offering a special reservation to the inter-caste marriage couples, as recommended by the

Constitution Review Committee headed by Justice Mr. M.N. Venkatachallaiah;

(b) whetehr Government will take into consideration a demand put forward by the Youth Wing Conference of the Doctors' Association for Social Equality for offering Free Education to the children of such couples; and

(c) whether Government will allow the children of such couples to declare themselves as casteless persons after they reach the age of eighteen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to offer special reservation for inter-case marriage couples. The facility of reservation in jobs/educational institutions is extended to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes notified by the Government.

(c) No such permission is required.

Entry of dalits in Temples

2227. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether dalits are openly allowed to enter the 300 year old sacred Holy Jagannath Temple in Orissa;

(b) whether recently several incidences of preventing dalits from entering the temple have taken place; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard and the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government enable a free respectable entry for dalits to this ancient sacred Hindu temple?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.